

REQUEST FOR ACTION

Department Head

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City Council Date

March 2, 2010

Agenda Item

Authorize and approve Community Garden 2010 growing season

ACTION REQUESTED

Staff recommends authorizing and approving the Community Garden 2010 growing season.

BACKGROUND

In 2009, the City of Delano worked with a group of area residents to establish the Community Garden. The season was very successful with approximately 30 people maintaining a plot in the Central Park area. The Garden Board has begun organizing for this season and is prepared to start advertising and soliciting applications.

Last season, the Garden took in approximately \$400 in fees which is still available for the Garden Group to make investments in the site. They are not recommending raising rates for this season and will leave them at \$14 per plot.

In terms of site preparation and site needs, the group believes it will be able to prepare the garden through volunteer help. They plan to build an on-site compost bin to reduce the amount waste leaving the site. Staff feels that this would be a minimal cost, considering the benefit of the garden.

Staff would recommend the Council approve the Community Garden 2010 growing season and authorize the group to begin advertising.

FUNDING

Plot revenue